

165 Emergency Storage165.1 General

Payments or reimbursements authorized under these regulations are for the purpose of compensating officers and employees of the Foreign Service for the cost of storing their furniture and household and personal effects during periods of assignment to posts to which, because of emergency conditions, they cannot take or at which they are unable to use such furniture and household and personal effects.

165.2 Emergency Conditions

Emergency conditions warranting authorization or approval of emergency storage shall be limited to:

- a. Non-availability of usual transportation facilities (other than air) at point or origin, destination, or enroute;
- b. Housing shortage at the post necessitating the occupancy of furnished quarters at exorbitant rental costs;
- c. General civil disturbance or imminent threat thereof, including but not restricted to war, civil war, uprisings, riots, strikes, blockades, or martial law;
- d. Acts of nature, including but not restricted to earthquakes, tidal waves, flood, fire, storm, or disease or pestilence resulting in quarantine or refusal of transportation or entry or exit of effects;
- e. Unusual import or export restrictions or obstructions;
- f. Other conditions recognized as emergencies and set forth in the document authorizing or approving storage payment.

165.3 Costs Includeable

The costs payable or reimbursable by the Government under this regulation may include the following; provided the weight and/or volume of the furniture, household and personal effects stored, together with the weight and/or volume of such effects shipped at Government expense, do not, in total, exceed the maximum weight and/or volume limitations which were in effect on the first date of storage or on the date of the assignment with respect to which emergency conditions exist, whichever is later, as set forth in section 103.676(a) of the Foreign Service Regulations:

- a. Cartage of the effects from the residence or shipping terminal, as the case may be, to the place of storage;

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- b. The cost of such packing (known as "loose packing") as may be necessary to prepare the effects for storage but not for shipment;
- c. The cost of storing effects;
- d. Cartage to a residence or shipping terminal;
- e. The cost of unpacking and uncrating at such residence.

165.4 Payment

165.41 Date of Commencement

When authorized or approved by the Department, payment of reimbursement of emergency storage costs shall commence on the date specified in the authorizing or approving document.

165.42 Date of Termination

Payment or reimbursement of emergency storage costs shall terminate on the date specified in the authorizing or approving document or on the date:

- a. The applicable emergency condition ceases;
- b. The officer or employee commences travel under a transfer order; or, if no travel under the transfer order is involved, the effective date of transfer;
- c. The officer or employee dies, resigns, is retired, dismissed or otherwise separated from the Service;
- d. Determined by the Department;

whichever is the earliest, except that payment may be authorized or approved by the Department beyond such date for a reasonable period (normally not in excess of 90 days).

165.43 Application

Application for payment or reimbursement of emergency storage costs shall be submitted to the Department on Form FS-445, Application for Authorization for Payment or Reimbursement of Emergency Storage Costs, in duplicate.

165.44 Preparation of Vouchers

When authorized or approved by the Department emergency storage costs may be vouchered on Standard Form 1034 or 1146, supported by receipts on Standard Form 1012a where reimbursement is claimed. No payment under these regulations shall be made for periods during which storage payments can be made under any other regulation.